

Fellowship Forest



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A Forest Welcome to:

Congratulations to the Belz Family (Dan, Cassidy and Big Brother Theo) on the birth of their son, Cyrus.

Please send your family's accomplishments (graduations, births, marriages, death notices and remembrances, etc.) for inclusion in the next newsletter to Christine Horel cmaccardo@yahoo.com or call 410-227-3386 with your news!

Please consider volunteering your time to your community. We are always in need of additional members to support our social activities and neighborhood preservation.

We continue to search for a volunteer to act as our Social Chairperson. This chairperson coordinates our yearly social events (with Board of Governors' assistance). If interested, please contact Christine Horel.

President's Report

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and safe. I can not wait until I can write this President's Report announcing that the COVID-19 crisis has passed us and that normal activities can resume. Sadly—with rising cases—that is not today, but we are hopeful for the future with vaccines starting to become available.

Due the crisis we have decided that we could not safely hold the winter party, but we would love to propose the idea of pop-up parties when the weather allows. One of the wonderful things about Maryland winters is that we do have the occasional warm day. If anyone is interested in having a pop-up party, please email or text me and we can announce it to the neighborhood in a short time frame. Also (more details to come) I have gotten a few wonderful suggestions for the awesome party we will be holding once we can do it safely again!

We have had a few scaled back events this year. Thanks so much to Christopher Graham for a great outdoor Wine and Cheese party. COVID and the rain did not stop the celebration and a great time was had by all! Check out the great photos from this fun event in this newsletter.

One of the hallmarks of this neighborhood is environmental awareness. We had to cancel the stream clean in the spring, but were excited to hold it his fall. This socially distant event was supported by The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay which provided gloves and bags. We had nearly 20 neighbors join and the stream looks much better! We are excited to do our part to keep the Chesapeake Bay clean!

We also had our traditional Santa at the Lake. Thanks so much to Mr. Rowles for hosting and Amy Smith for helping coordinate. Santa was very creative this year delivering an unseasonably warm day and instead of the traditional activities, he collected letters and led a sing along. Thanks so much to everyone for making this event special.

As we get into this winter please continue to look out for one another and let us know if you need any assistance. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and we are excited to welcome in 2021!

Christine Horel

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Help Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help out with activities in the neighborhood. This newsletter is the primary way by which we can communicate with the neighborhood, and it is essential, especially in times like these. We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate and assist in publishing the newsletter. No experience is needed. This is a great opportunity for creative teenagers or those who are retired. If you are interested in learning more or assisting please contact Christine Horel.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Fun in the Forest...

A big THANK YOU goes out to Christopher Graham for hosting our annual Wine and Cheese Event. The drizzle didn't stop attendees from having a good time.



Social Distancing!



Meeting
New Neighbors!

Pizza, Popcorn
and Pickles on a Stick!



Disco
Dancing!

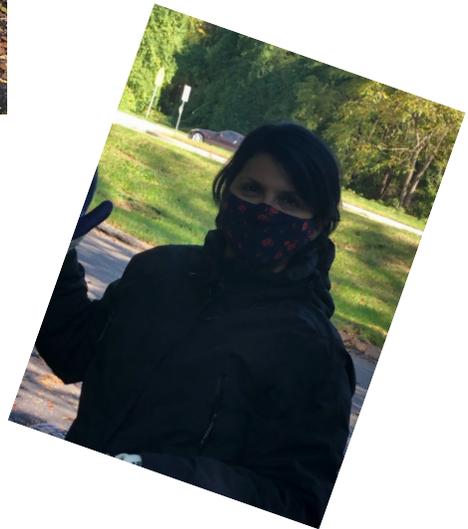


Fall Stream Clean-Up

Twenty neighbors participated in the stream clean-up on Saturday, October 17th. The stream runs through our neighborhood parallel to the lower part of Hillen Road/Goucher Boulevard. Many thanks to all those that helped with this event.



A shopping cart and many bags of trash were pulled from the stream and the surrounding area.



Announcements/News to Share

Free Gift

We currently have 41 households following or liking FFCA on Facebook. We would like to reach many more neighbors! If you like or follow our Facebook page, you will receive a free cling decal shown below. The decal is removable and attaches electrostatically. It measures 4.5 x 3. If you are one of the 41 already engaged on the page, you should have received your decal. If you have not, please contact Nancy Reigle at: nnreigle@gmail.com One per household.

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Santa at the Lake

December 14, 2020 Santa came to the lake!



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Wedding Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Kaveh Hosseinzadeh are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter, Kristin Hosseinzadeh, to Scott Richman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richman of Long Island, New York. The couple's wedding ceremony was officiated by the Honorable Althea Handy on September 5, 2020. Kristin currently works as an attorney at Brown & Barron LLC. Her husband, Scott, is a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley Scarborough LLP in Baltimore, Maryland. The couple resides in the Stoneleigh neighborhood of Towson, Maryland.

Howard Heiss, Former FFCA President Passes Away

Howard Heiss, former president of FFCA, passed away on September 14. He was 96 and had been living in a retirement community. In October 1996, Fellowship Forest was without a president as the resident that was serving in that position moved and there was no vice president to take over. Howard stepped up and said he would finish out her term until May 1998 and then was elected for two more years until 2000. He and his wife, Gerry, lived at 1206 Stevenson Lane. Gerry passed away in 2009 and Howard sold his home in 2010.

As president, he guided the neighborhood through the many negotiations involving the Towson Place shopping center which at the time was an indoor mall that was to be demolished. The original proposal involved a movie complex which many neighborhoods in the area were against. FFCA and the involvement of surrounding neighborhoods helped determine what the shopping area would become. Covenants drawn up at the time are still in place. Howard helped guide our neighborhood through the difficult process. He was also involved in the first transformation of the triangle at Hillen Road and Putty Hill. It was a plain looking patch of grass for many years. His full obituary is on our Facebook page.

Winter Party

The BOG voted to postpone our Annual Winter Party due to COVID-19. This is an end-of-January, inside event so we are playing it on the safe side. However, the idea came up at the board meeting that we might do one or more "Pop Up Parties" over the winter months. If the sun is shining and the air is warm and you want to host a Pop Up Party (BYOB) all you have to do is post it to our Facebook page. Keep checking our page to find out if a neighbor is hosting a Pop Up...and "Pop on By" for some socializing COVID style.

Saying Goodbye...by Mary McGowan

After 15 years in Fellowship Forest, I am sad to say that Rob and I are moving. It was a very tough decision but one that we feel we need to make at this point in our lives. I have enjoyed my time as a member of the Board of Governors and the various positions I have held (President, Social Chairperson, Secretary and most recently, Newsletter Editor).

This will be my last newsletter as we plan to move after the first of the year. The association will need someone to pick up the torch after I leave. If you would be interested in a job that doesn't take a lot of time but makes a big impact in our community...this is the job for you. Please contact Christine Horel (email address on page 1) if you would like to take on this important job.

Most of all, I will miss the many people I have come to know in wonderful Fellowship Forest.

“Snowflakes are one of nature’s most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together.” (Vista M. Kelly)

Snow and Baltimore County...

- Snow and ice removal on 2,706 miles of roadway equals 6,765 lane miles. Ten percent of these roads are considered priority one roadways
- There are 8,823 roadways in the Baltimore County inventory
- There are 164 snow routes with each route having 50 to 60 roads
- There are 411 trucks and equipment with 491 personnel working from 11 locations
- Drivers follow specific routes with no special lists and no preferred customers
- It takes 4-6 hours to salting and 18-24 hours for plowing
- A total of 91,600 ton of salt is stored at 17 sites
- Salt costs \$48.92 per ton (2019)
- Roads are cleared in this order: connector and arterials, then development subdivisions
- Snow emergency plan:
 - Activated and deactivated by the Maryland State Police
 - All vehicles on road must have all-weather tires or chains
 - Parking is prohibited on snow emergency routes
- The 2-19-20 snow budget for Baltimore County was \$8,422,032

Homeowner’s Responsibility ...

Within 24 hours after the fall of any snow, each person or public institution occupying or using a residential, commercial, or industrial building in any manner or for any purpose shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, the snow from the foot pavements fronting the respective houses, stores, shops, stables, houses of worship, lots occupied by any buildings, unoccupied buildings, and unoccupied lots that run along streets in the county.

In removing or clearing the snow, the person may not obstruct the passage of water in gutters along the street or throw the snow on the paved portion of the street. If the person required to remove and clear snow under this section does not remove and clear the snow, the county may do so at the expense of the person.

